From East to West

CHRISTUM WIR SOLLEN LOBEN SCHON (L.M.)
Johann Walter, Geistliche Gesangbuchlein, 1524
harm. Lucas Osiander, 1586

Coelius Sedulius, c. 450
tr. John Ellerton, 1889

1. From east to west, from shore to shore,
Let every heart awake and sing,
The holy Child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting King.

2. Behold, the world's Creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our Maker shares,
His fallen creature, man, to save.

3. For this how wondrous He wrought!
A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought,
The chosen vessel of His grace.

4. And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherd poor the Lord most high,
The one great Shepherd was revealed.

5. All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to Thee, O virgin born,
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee.